

# FLOOD SITUATION IS GRAVE

## Doctor Andre Is Acquitted By Jury Early Thursday

West Virginia Dentist on Trial in Connection With Woman's Death

IS KILLED IN FALL

Mrs. Martha Hutchinson Is Killed in Fall From Doctor's Car

RENO, Nev.—(AP)—Dr. Carl Pierre Andre, young West Virginia dentist was acquitted Thursday of the murder of his former fiancée, Mrs. Martha Hutchinson by a jury which deliberated a little over an hour.

Mrs. Hutchinson, 21, a widow, was killed on the night of September 13, in a fall from Andre's automobile. The prosecution charged that Andre shoved her or caused her to fall through reckless driving.

RENO, Nev.—(AP)—Testimony in the trial of Dr. Carl Pierre Andre ended late Wednesday after the handsome young dentist admitted on cross-examination that he was engaged to Mrs. Martha Hutchinson, whom he is accused of murdering, a month before he separated from his wife.

Andre was started at a night of the case to a jury as soon as possible so that a verdict might be returned by Christmas Eve.

Testimony concluded after the prosecution on rebuttal introduced a series of telegrams to refute a statement by Dr. Andre that he had not known until August 18 that Mrs. Hutchinson was coming to Reno from Fairmont, W. Va., where both had lived. The last of the telegrams was dated August 15, and was from the doctor to Martha in Fairmont. It read:

"I am leaving on the 18th. Don't leave till 18. Answer, Love, Carl."

He said the plan was that they were to be married and start life anew in the West as soon as he could be divorced from Florence Howard Andre. The dentist, who declared Mrs. Hutchinson's death was accidental, was reluctant to answer several of the questions shot at him by the district attorney, and once he appealed to the court when he was asked the exact reason why he had left Fairmont last May.

"It would cast reflections upon my wife," he told Judge Thomas F. Moran.

He finally answered the question by stating that he had left home for a divorce.

## Hope Co-Op Moves Over 18,000 Bales

Manager Cox Sets Record for the Mid-South Membership

The office of the Mid-South Cotton association on Walnut street will be closed for the holidays Friday and Saturday, December 25-26, reopening Monday, December 28, Manager Max Cox announced Thursday.

The Hope office handled more than 18,000 bales of cotton this season, Mr. Cox reported, making this city one of the major concentration points in the state.

Mr. Cox won the personal distinction of turning in more co-operative memberships than any district manager in the Mid-South organization, for which he received a special news-story in the Mid-South's house publication this week.

The co-operative extended thanks to farmers members throughout the district for the support which made possible this record.

## Ragon Silent on Political Plans

Too Early to Consider Senatorial Race, Congressman Says

LITTLE ROCK—Congressman Heartsill Ragon, who returned to his home at Clarksville from Washington this week to spend the holidays, was in Little Rock Wednesday on business. He said he probably will return to Washington about January 4.

The House will convene on that date, but Mr. Ragon said little work will be done before the middle of the week. He declined to discuss the probability of his becoming a candidate for the United States Senate in the primary election next year, saying it is too early to consider that matter.

He said Congress will be kept busy for several months considering important national questions. He said he has been assured that his bill to reduce the interest rate on veterans' loans will be given a hearing and that he believes it will be passed.

## The spirit of Christmas



THE three Kings brought their gifts to Christ One day in Bethlehem, Though he whose star had been their guide Could make no gifts to them. They asked for nothing in return— Wise men have always known He is more blest who does not seek A favor of his own.

So we today must bring our gifts Where empty stockings hang, If we would keep our faith in words An angel chorus sang. A doll and horn and spinning top, Small toys a child-heart sought, May be as shining as the gold The ancient Magi brought.

By HELEN WELSHIMER



## Flying Rail Ties Injure Nearly 40

Four May Die, Hit by Timbers From Subway Train

NEW YORK—(AP)—Nearly two score persons were injured, four so seriously that they may die, under a bombardment of railroad ties Wednesday on a Brooklyn subway platform.

The ties, old ones that had been picked up by a work crew, jolted loose from their moorings on a flat car as the work train thundered through the Newkirk avenue station.

There were about 150 persons on the platform, including many women and children who were Manhattan-bound for Christmas shopping.

One witness said women screamed and children were trampled as the crowd, with a wild mass movement, fell back in a vain effort to escape the heavy timbers.

Hours later, no definite check had been made of the total casualties. There were 17 injured in one hospital and reliable estimates said as many more were in other hospitals. It also was estimated between 15 and 25 others suffered bruises and went to their homes after emergency treatment.

One victim, whom the hospital could not identify, was listed as dying. A small girl, Angelina Ananino, probably will suffer the amputation of a foot. Assistant District Attorney Nicholas Selvaggi said:

"So far as I can discover, this is due to gross negligence by the B. M. T." (The Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit Company, which operates one of New York's two rapid transit systems).

## FLAPPER FANNY SAYS

NEA W. S. PAT. OFF.



There's nothing like a holiday to keep you in trim.

## Broadway Car, on Tour, Stops Here

W. J. Watson Pilots Relief Car Along Highway No. 67

The Courtesy Car of the Broadway of America association, with W. J. Watson, public relations man, at the wheel, went through Hope Thursday, stopping here for a brief visit with Terrell Cornelius, one of two vice-presidents for Arkansas.

Mr. Watson makes the circuit at regular intervals, carrying minor repair equipment, maps and other tourist supplies. He answers all signals and distress, explaining to motorists along 1,500 miles of his section of the Broadway, that this association aims to make travel perfect on the nation's only all-weather route from coast to coast.

The Broadway is now 99 per cent paved, No. 67 being entirely paved through Arkansas except for graveled dumps in the lowlands where it will not be safe to lay expensive concrete until next summer, but through which traffic is able to move in any weather.

Mr. Watson, after his conference with Mr. Cornelius Thursday, said he would return to Hope probably next month for a meeting with local business men.

## Caldwell Appeals to Supreme Court

Nashville Investment Banker Seeks to Have Sentence Set Aside

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(AP)—An eight-volume appeal to the Supreme Court was filed Wednesday by attorneys for Rogers Caldwell investment banker, convicted in July on a fraudulent breach of trust charge and sentenced to serve not more than three years in the state penitentiary.

The charge grew out of transactions between Hardean county, Tenn., and two Caldwell-owned financial institutions, the Bank of Tennessee and Caldwell and Company, investment house. It was charged that Caldwell securing a \$200,000 deposit of Hardean county was removed and less valuable securities pledged as collateral in its stead.

A six-volume bill of exceptions containing about 3,000 pages, a 155-page motion for a new trial, which was overruled in the lower court and a 75-page technical record were transmitted to the Supreme Court. In addition, more than 250 records of the two Caldwell institutions were filed as exhibits. The assignment of errors was not filed 30 days additional time being allowed for this.

## Bulletins

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Tariff publishing agents for railroads Thursday asked the Interstate Commerce Commission permission to file an application putting into effect increased freight rates generally in five days notice.

TOKYO—(AP)—The United States went on record here Thursday as indicating a renewed concern over Japanese troop movements in Manchuria.

## Police Told Ohio Fiend Slayer Seen

Man Carried Bundle to Tenement Cellar Before Body Was Found

CINCINNATI, O.—(AP)—A man reported seen bearing a bundle toward the tenement cellar in which was found the mutilated body of six-year-old Marian McLean, was sought Wednesday night as the degenerate who caused her death.

The clue to the possible identity of the child's kidnaper-slayer, came from a woman who told police she heard two men in a cigar store discussing the incident. Search for the men was begun immediately.

The story added credence to the theory that the child was attacked elsewhere and then tossed on the cellar floor either shortly before or soon after she had led to death from internal wounds.

Questioning of James Devenney, 40, Charles Bischoff, 45, and Dennis Dillan, 44, was continued, but all said they had no knowledge that would help solve the slaying. It was Bischoff who found Marian's body. He was taken to the county courthouse for questioning by police.

Mrs. Mildred McLean, the child's mother, said a belt found in a house near where Marian's body was discovered, was not Marian's. Police previously had thought it might be a clue. It had been severed as if jerked from its wearer. The occupant of the room where the belt was found denied all knowledge of it.

Quick action to bring the slayer before the courts has been taken by the Hamilton county grand jury. An indictment was returned accusing "John Doe" of murder through criminal attack, and of murder alone. The penalty for either offense is death in the electric chair or life imprisonment.

All day friemen explored buildings in the neighborhood of Marian's home, seeking the room in which she was attacked. The search was fruitless.

Another missing child scare, in a community made "jumpy" by events of the past few days, became an "in again, out again" affair however. William Hornsby, II, was reported missing for 24 hours, and police officers began another search. They found him at a neighbors home.

## A. W. Parke Held in Fatal Mishap

News Service Proprietor Accused as Driver of Death Car

PARIS—A. W. Parke, member of the firm of Parke-Harper News Service of Little Rock, was under arrest here Wednesday night following a fatal automobile accident in the Delaware community, about 25 miles from Paris, in which Alfred E. Freeman, 57, was killed. Jewell M. Martin, Freeman's son-in-law, also was injured but not seriously.

Freeman and Martin, who had lived at England, Lonoke county, were moving their household effects to Paris in a truck. They had stopped to repair a flat tire. Parke, alone and driving a small roadster, struck both men, it was said, dragging Freeman about 50 yards.

Parke stopped his car and, finding Freeman injured seriously, started for Paris for medical aid for the injured man. However, Freeman was placed in another automobile and taken to Dardanelle, where an ambulance was called and he was transferred to a hospital at Russellville. Freeman was dead when the hospital was reached.

Martin was treated at the hospital for injuries to the shoulder, side and knee.

Freeman's head was crushed, his hip broken and he was bruised severely all over the body.

Martin told hospital attendants at Russellville that he and Freeman had placed a lighted lantern between them to prevent their being run into by motorists. Apparently Parke failed to see the light, he said. Martin said Parke was driving about 40 or 45 miles an hour when the impact occurred. He said Parke stopped his car and offered to assist in caring for them.

After making bond of \$500 Parke left for Fort Smith. He is charged with manslaughter.

## Christmas Observed Friday by The Star

Christmas Friday will be observed in all departments of The Star, the newspaper suspending for the city edition Friday afternoon and the mail edition Saturday morning. The postoffice, the banks and all general merchandise stores will also observe the holiday. The Star wishes you a merry Christmas and a thankful one.

## State Highways Damaged By Rain

Several Roads Closed During Past Few Days—Water Is Receding

LITTLE ROCK—(AP)—Heavy rains and high water during the past few days have caused several highways to become impassable in places and have made it necessary to close others to all heavy traffic, state highway department officials said Wednesday.

United States route No. 167 is closed to traffic 14 miles south of Sheridan in the Saline river bottoms, but a detour is available by way of No. 35 and No. 3 through Rison to Fordyce. Motorists were warned to drive cautiously on No. 167 through the Ouachita river bottom three miles east of Camden where a high fill has been damaged by flood waters.

On state highway No. 115 near the Callon toll bridge over Ouachita river a high fill has been damaged by setting and the road is open to light traffic only. Water is over highway No. 1 in several places between McGeehe and Watson but the road still was passable. Highway No. 2 was reported slick and muddy but passable between Crossett and Hamburg, with a dump settling west of Crossett. This route is open to light traffic only.

From Hamburg to Monticello, the road is open only to light traffic, but a detour is available for heavy loaded trucks.

Highway No. 6 is flooded west of Tillar, but a gravel detour is available from Monticello to McGeehe. United States route No. 65 is flooded in several places between Perome and the Louisiana line but traffic still was passing through Wednesday.

## Sues on Stock in Insolvent Banks

State Commissioner Seeks to Collect \$12,275 From W. S. Pettit

HARRISON—Suit to collect \$12,275 alleged to be due four insolvent Hudspeth banks in Boone county on assessment for double liability of stockholders, was filed in Chancery court here Tuesday by Walter E. Taylor, state bank commissioner, against W. S. Pettit, vice president of the Union National Bank, Springfield, Mo. Mr. Pettit formerly was vice president and cashier of the Citizens Bank and Trust Company of Harrison.

It is said the suit follows denial of liability by Mr. Pettit on the ground that he entered into an agreement last May with A. T. Hudspeth, ascending head of the chain of closed banks, to surrender his stock to Hudspeth in an exchange for notes executed to Hudspeth by Pettit. The agreement also seeks to relieve Mr. Pettit of all liability on stock.

A copy of this agreement is in the hands of the Depositors Committee, D. D. Dunkin, chairman of the committee, said that an effort will be made to have the agreement declared void on the ground that Hudspeth undertook to transact business with Pettit as an individual, and not in behalf of the banks, and because the contract never was carried out.

The copy of the agreement lists Mr. Pettit's stock holdings in the four Boone county banks and also \$2,000 stock in the Peoples bank of Berryville and \$2,500 stock in the Citizens Investment Company of Harrison, a total of \$20,490. Pettit's note indebtedness, said to represent in part borrowed money and in part notes executed in lieu of payment for stock, is listed as totaling \$29,550.

The notes, according to the copy of the agreement, were to have been delivered to Mr. Pettit by Hudspeth in three lots as follows: \$15,000 worth on or before October 1, 1931; \$5,500 by November 1, and the balance \$8,000 by January 1, 1932.

The banks closed September 1, 30 days before the date on which the first of the notes was to have been returned to Pettit. The notes still are in the hands of other banks to which they have been hypothecated.

Mr. Dunkin points out that if the agreement should be held legal the insolvent banks would close not only the amount alleged to be due from Pettit on his stock assessment, but would be forced to turn over to him \$12,275 making the total loss to the banks more than \$40,000.

## City's Christmas Tree Party 7:30 Christmas Night

Officers and Employees of City Want Every Child to Be Present

RELIEF COMPLETED

Mrs. Arch Moore Locates Everything Except an Equestrian Doll

Every little boy and girl in Hope, rich or poor, living close in or far out, is invited to the City's Christmas Party at 7:30 o'clock Friday night on the lawn of the city hall.

The most beautiful Christmas tree in the city has been erected there, and its lights have been burning all this week as a welcome to the party Friday night.

"The elective officials and employees of the city are paying for the party personally. It is their official holiday greeting to Hope's children. The municipal water and light plant wired the tree for lights, the city firemen will do police duty on the streets bordering the city hall Friday night, and decorations and fruit, nuts and favors have been furnished by a collection from each city official and employee.

Santa Claus will be on hand in person to pass out the favors.

Goodfellows Deliver. As customary for several years, the bulk of the Christmas relief work has been done by the Goodfellows club, who, under directions of Mrs. Arch Moore, had about completed their gift distribution Thursday.

More than 100 youngsters were made glad by the Goodfellows who rode to the rescue on occasions when it looked very much like Santa Claus and his reindeer never would get there.

Mrs. Moore thanked the city for its fine support of the Christmas relief cause this year. The Goodfellows obtained 224 members, and the funds derived from this membership just about covered the needy with the city, who the Goodfellows always have directed their efforts. Four new Goodfellows were announced Thursday as follows: Geo. W. Robinson, Theo P. Witt, Steve Carrigan and Lefel Gentry.

"I think the city made a wonderful showing for this kind of year," said Mrs. Moore.

The Hope woman who has directed the buying and distribution for the Goodfellows every year for the last five years said that community Christmas shopping is a guaranteed remedy for a bad case of nerves.

"You get mad sometimes, but it's lots of fun," Mrs. Moore said. "Only one case really stunned me. One young lady wanted for Christmas a sleepy-time doll with riding breeches. Where, oh where can I fill THAT order?"

Mrs. Moore was regretfully informed that nowhere in the files of The Star and its advertisements, past or present, was there any sign of relief for the young lady who thought sleepy-eyed dolls came arrayed in riding breeches.

## Rains Interfere With Farm Work

Ground Throughout State 'Full of Moisture,' Bureau Reports

LITTLE ROCK.—Exceedingly heavy rains in many sections of Arkansas caused the cessation of almost all farm work during the week ended Tuesday, it was reported in the weekly weather and crop bulletin of the Little Rock Weather Bureau, issued Wednesday. The complete report follows:

"From two to four clear days were reported in the extreme northeastern and extreme northwestern portions with only a few hundredths inch of rainfall. Elsewhere there were from four to seven rainy days, the rains being heavy to excessive in the central and southern portions. Several southern stations reported from six to seven inches rainfall for the week. The ground is full of moisture now in all portions of the state. Temperatures were below normal the first of the week, but high the remainder of the time, the weekly means being about five degrees above normal.

"No farm work of consequence was accomplished except a little in the northeastern and northwestern portions. The weather was very favorable for the growth of pastures, wheat, oats, and all kinds of winter truck, all of which are in good to excellent condition. Ranges and stock are in very good condition."

## Heiress Vanishes on Holiday Trip

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## Hoover Approves Site For Hospital

New Veterans Hospital to Be Located Somewhere Near Fayetteville

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Pres. Hoover has approved a recommendation of the Federal Board of Hospitalization that a new veterans hospital be located in the vicinity of Fayetteville, Ark.

The size and cost of the hospital will be determined later by the Board of Hospitalization.

## Officials Defend Sheriff's Action

Declare Mississippi Co. Profited by His Method of Handling Funds

BLITHEVILLE.—County Judge Zal B. Harrison and County Auditor Paul Cooley Tuesday came to the support of W. W. Shaver, sheriff and collector of Mississippi county, who was criticized for failure to comply with the law requiring settlements with the county treasurer every 15 days by J. Bryan Sims, chief county auditor of the state comptroller's office.

In a letter to Howard Reed, state comptroller, submitted with the audit report, Sims charged that Sheriff Shaver had failed to make settlement every 15 days as required by statute. He pointed out that Shaver owed the county \$74,479.65 on November 1 of this year, all of which has since been paid except \$8,447.09, charged off by order of the County Court as the amount of county funds lost in the defunct First State Bank of Osceola.

Harrison and Cooley declared that Shaver had not been called upon for semi-monthly settlements because his bond offered the best protection for county funds, and that it was to the county's interest to leave money collected with him. They said that Shaver has an approved surety bond with a St. Louis bank covering his deposits there, and that as long as funds collected remain in that bank to his account they were amply protected. It was said that the treasurer has been unable to secure surety bonds to protect any large deposits of county funds within the county. It was said that he have received semi-monthly settlements from the sheriff and collector's office would have forced the county to rely to a large extent on personal bonds.

State Comptroller Howard Reed said in commenting on a statement by Mississippi county officials concerning the comptroller's audit of records of that county, that it may have been expedient for the collector to settle at will, but that the law calls for such settlements every 15 days, and that it was the duty of his department to call attention to requirements of the statutes in auditing county records.

"The approved surety bond referred to by the Mississippi county officials was written with a Georgia company which withdrew from Arkansas last spring," Mr. Reed said. "If the county and state had sustained a loss, they would have been unable to use the Arkansas courts to enforce settlement by the surety company, and a personal bond probably would have afforded more protection than a surety bond under such circumstances."

## Many Mississippi Sufferers in Need of Food and Clothes

Refugees Report Heavy Rainfall Continues Over Flooded Region

SHORTAGE OF FOOD

Alarming Reports Given of Flood Situation as Town Is Reached

CLARKSDALE, Miss.—(AP)—Refugees arriving here Thursday from inundated sections in the Tallahatchie-Quitman-Panola basin, reported lack of life in the flooded areas of the counties.

More than 100 families were said to have fled their homes in the basin late Wednesday to towns in the higher regions.

Those coming here gave alarming reports of the flood situation, stating there already has been loss of life in the 50-mile flooded area.

The refugees reported continued downpours in some sections threatening cloudbursts.

People in the basin territory are facing starvation, the refugees reported, and in some sections disease is rampant in its appearance.

Glendora and Swan Lake, refugees said, probably will be evacuated by Thursday night.

Despite the rising waters, a Christmas celebration was held at Swan Lake Wednesday night. A community tree was set up in a building surrounded by water. Gifts were distributed to flood sufferers, who were brought to the town in boats.

Armed guards were reported controlling private levees along Canby bayou and Tallahatchie river, near Webb and other communities to prevent possible dynamiting. They expressed that such steps might be taken to divert flood waters.

Attempts have been made, it was reported, during the past few days to blast levees, but farmers banded together to prevent forceful breaks in the systems.

About a dozen armed men were sent to protect the plantation of Fletcher Fitzgerald of Clarksdale near Webb Wednesday night, which is surrounded by private levees. The guard is patrolling every section of the plantation, it was reported.

Other planters have established forces to stand guard while high waters remain in North Tallahatchie county and other sections in this vicinity.

Christmas shopping in Glendora Wednesday was done in boats, the customers landing on improvised platforms in front of the stores. Between two and three feet of water stood in the town. In lower sections, merchants and home owners have been forced to remove their belongings to box cars.

Rivers At Flood Stage. MARKS, Miss.—(AP)—Food, clothing, warm fires and sleeping quarters brought Christmas cheer Wednesday night to hundreds of refugees in the Mississippi delta who were driven from their homes by floodwaters.

Rivers are at flood stage in northern Mississippi and the same condition prevails along the Ouachita in northern Louisiana. Along the Mississippi river, however, there is little fear it will get out of bound. It was falling Wednesday at Cairo, Ill., and at St. Louis, but there was a gradual rise at Memphis, Tenn., and below.

Officials of the Red Cross chapter at Marks said food, clothing and warmth would furnish the major part of the Christmas cheer for plantation refugees.

The rains have ceased and the Yalobusha and Coldwater rivers are receding in the upper Mississippi delta, permitting the refugees to start back home. Webb, Sumner, Glenmora and Swan Lake communities still were waterbound from the overflow of the Tallahatchie, but were planning their Christmas celebrations and straining to cheer the homeless from the lowlands.

## Joe Kirby, Visitor in City Wednesday

J. J. Kirby, Jr., former Hope man, was a visitor in this city Wednesday from Jackson, Miss., where he is advertising director for the Southern United Ice company, covering Mississippi and Alabama. Mr. Kirby had driven from Jackson to Texarkana, where he is spending the holiday.

## Mrs. Pinchot Decides to Seek Congress Seat

HARRISBURG, Pa.—(AP)—Mrs. Gifford Pinchot, wife of the governor of Pennsylvania, Tuesday announced her candidacy for the Republican nomination for congress in the fifteenth district. She will oppose Congressman Louis T. McFadden.



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## The Star's Platform

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## The Santa Claus Myth

There is an attempt every year, on the part of those who are old and wise and a little disillusioned with the drift of the years, to do away with Santa Claus. But somehow, when the odors of spruce and balsam start to spice the air, and the shop windows sparkle with colored balls, the benevolent old man with the white whiskers and red coat comes by again.

Children may listen solemnly while their elders explain that he is a myth. But they don't believe it. They know better.

They have seen him in the toylands of the store, walking up and down the streets, and whispered their secrets in his ear. They are a little sorry for grown up folks who have forgotten that there is a thing called magic in the land.

Children so often are wiser than adults. They realize that life needs a fairytale or two to make it happier. Even if Santa Claus never brings them all the gifts for which they have asked they have caught the glamour of a shining moment which they hoped that he would, and that is something.

Toys will get broken, of course—on Christmas morning and on other mornings. That is why children should be permitted to catch magic while they can before they have learned how quickly their tinsies tarnish and that Santa Claus is just a man in a red coat dressed up.

Magic is that breathlessness which makes a child's heart beat in the glad moment just before something lovely happens. It doesn't cost anything. Yet it is as priceless as the sun, as bright as gold and frankincense which the wise men brought, and it sings its way with a rhythm that catches the glory of the first Christmas carol that echoed across the peaceful fields of Bethlehem.

This year, when there is such an urge to be practical, there is a danger that we shall let the spirit of Christmas slip away. The very fact that life is harder than usual for many people should be proof enough that we need its magic.

After all, the most beautiful things in life are the unseen things, fantasy, faith, love, romance. And Santa Claus is compacted of all of them.

## Decreasing Traffic Deaths

FIGURES just compiled by the Travelers Insurance Company show that automobile traffic deaths have been decreasing in many sections of the country, ever since mid-summer. Although the total for the country for the entire year is now estimated at about 34,000—2 per cent over 1930's figures—there are spots in which the trend is definitely encouraging.

In New England, for instance, the number of deaths is definitely below last year's toll. In Ohio, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin a decrease of 4 per cent has been recorded. In the Rocky Mountain group there has been a drop of nearly 7 per cent.

It's too soon to congratulate ourselves, of course. That total of 34,000 is still disgraceful. But even little decreases here and there are good news. Let's have some more of them next year.

## Understanding the Law

THE stupid cruelty which can come from unintelligent devotion to the letter of the law was never better illustrated than in the case of that 7-year-old California girl, whom the federal authorities locked in jail for four days recently because she had stolen letters from boxes in a village postoffice.

Of course, tampering with Uncle Sam's mail is a heinous crime—even though this particular criminal was only 7, and used the stolen letters to make paper dolls. But even government employees are supposed to have a certain amount of brains.

A United Press dispatch describing the occurrence says that the little girl was "so frightened when they took her away from her father and mother and her two brothers and sisters that she was unable to talk."

Uncle Sa evidently has two or three employees who ought to be fired without any further delay.

## Worst Depression?

THE head of a large life insurance company recently took up arms against the prevailing notion that the current depression has been the worst one in American history. Speaking to a writer for the Magazine of Wall Street, he declared:

"In 1839 every single bank in the United States outside of New England closed its doors. On May 10 of that year every bank in New York City closed. . . . In 1873 there were 3,000,000 men out of work in a population of 40,000,000, 89 railroads went into the hands of receivers and 300 out of 307 iron and steel plants absolutely shut down. As for 1893, I remember it distinctly, and I want to tell you that as a nation we are in ease now compared with what we went through then."

Cold comfort? Perhaps. But it doesn't hurt to be reminded that our condition not only could be, but in the past has been, a great deal worse than it is now.

# THREE KINDS OF LOVE

## BY KAY CLEAVER STRAHAN

**BEGIN HERE TODAY**

ANNE, CECILY and MARY-  
FRANCES FRANKLIN live with their grandparents, once wealthy, now so impoverished that Anne and Cecily's school support the household. Their father has been expelled from school. The grandparents are known as "The Grandfatherly Sinners" and "The Grandmotherly Sinners" and they are kept on keeping on keeping on.

Now go on with the story  
CHAPTER XIV

CECILY owned but one pair of evening slippers—spike heeled, pert, narrow things of black satin with tiny imitation cut-out buckles—but unfortunately they were a size too small for Mary-Frances. She had put them on at nine o'clock. She dared not take them off for fear she could not crowd them on again, and did burning things to her heels as she crept each step a snuffling tread upon each squeaking board, cold pained absolute, through the long upper hall, past the bathroom, past Ann's door with the frightening streak of light, past Cecily's room, and the east spare room, and the west spare room, and went stealthily limping down the back stairway.

She and Ermintrude had decided earlier in the evening that an ethereal effect was more important than conventional, fashionable attire, and since her last summer's white dresses were each 8 or there several inches too short ("How that child does grow!" she wore the White Grecian robes that she had worn for her solo dance in parents' assembly, and an old white chiffon scarf of Rosalie's, long discarded, was strung about her shoulders.

All during the evening, until the past half hour, Mary-Frances had been composing speeches for herself and for Earl—though chiefly for Earl. The slippers had brought praises of fairy-foot, and parts of that poem which Rosalie sometimes repeated: "Sweet, thou hast trod on a heart"—umpy-umpy something or other about men, talking chivalrously. "Women as

fair as thou art must do such things now and then."

Not that Mary-Frances intended treading on hearts, now or ever. Her views concerning women who did such things, heartless flirt and coquette, were bitterly derogatory. But, of course, it could easily turn out that it had all been a terrible mistake and misunderstanding, and that the lady had not really trod on a heart at all. The scarf, while its ravell'd edges had been reverently kissed, had produced references to angels and things high above—the type of womanhood most approved by Mary-Frances. But, for the past half-hour, all that had been put aside, and forgotten. Mary-Frances had become possessed of but one purpose and one resolve: to get to the walnut tree five minutes after half-past 10; to keep those pretty slippers on if they killed her.

She kept the slippers on, teetering tortuously on the high heels down the gravelled driveway. She reached the walnut tree at precisely 25 minutes to 11.

Earl was there. Earl was waiting for her under the walnut tree. An astonishment to itself, without the additional bewilderment of finding a new Earl, an impetuous, whispering person, who said "Aw, you sweet baby, you," and captured her trembling hands and held them firmly while she responded with only an odd, low, croaking sound.

"What's the matter, baby? You're shaking all over. I wouldn't hurt you for the world—see?"

"I never did think you'd hurt me," she replied with a choice little dignity. "I—I guess I'm just kind of nervous or something."

"Exalted to see me, baby?" He kept hold of her hands and began drawing her closer and closer to him.

It was cold, and his arms and woolly coat felt nice and warm; there was an enticing odor, like passing a barber shop, with an added whiff of wintergreen, and Mary-Frances said, "No man ever kissed me on my lips before." It was not a boast, nor was it an accusation. It was a statement of circumstance made more to herself than to Earl.

"Cripes!" he said, and his voice was husky. "Some little sweet baby, I'm crazy about you—no fooling. Crazy—see?"

Mary-Frances drew away from him. It was time now to talk. She loved him, of course, but vaguely something seemed to be the matter with something. Her feet hurt, and standing on tiptoes made them hurt worse, but that was not the trouble. Possibly there was no trouble—really. How could there be so soon, and with a great love like theirs? How could she have rather the same feeling that she'd had last Friday evening when the girl had

made a mistake and served her the vanilla paraffin instead of the gin-apple one she had ordered? Mr. Hill wouldn't let her send it back, because she had eaten the whipped cream off the top before she had discovered the mistake. Vanilla in place of pineapple is disappointing. "Sings!" he rebuked. "You aren't going to be a little thingy, are you, are you, are you?"

Mary-Frances said, "Don't," and stood on her heels to kiss her toes for a moment. "I guess," she added, "I'd better go back in now."

"No. I just kind of thought I'd better go in now."

"Cripes! You can't go rushing off now. What was the use of me coming all the way up here? You give it another think, baby. Don't you do it. Don't you go in now."

HE was beseeching her to stay. It was thrilling. "And then he beseeched me to stay," she could tell Ermintrude. Nonchalance savored with winsomeness, it sounded easy, but how exactly should she go about it? "Why do you want me to stay?" she asked.

"I was just telling you, wasn't I, that I was crazy about you and all? Wasn't I, baby? And then you get stinky and go rushing off on me before we got time to make friends or anything. Just crazy about you, sweetness, that's me."

"Will you love me forever and ever?" she asked. She thought that he had told her that he loved her. Things were not disappointing any longer. She was keeping her first try, and it was Life and Love and Living and everything.

"And how!" he vowed, and tried to kiss her again.

"Don't," said Mary-Frances. "Aw, gee, baby!" he complained. "If we kiss all the time," Mary-Frances elucidated, "we can't make friends like you said, nor get acquainted nor anything."

"Snap out of it," he urged. "Say, listen, baby. We wouldn't be kissing if we wasn't friends already, would we?"

Mary-Frances pondered that for a moment. "Well—no," she admitted. "I guess what I mean is that so many things are so much more interesting than kissing."

It was Earl's turn to ponder, and he did so for a moment before he produced his first sincerity of the evening. "Cripes!" he said, "If you aren't the darnedest funny little kid!"

Ermintrude must never know. No one must ever know. It must be kept always a secret smattering in her breast like that old Spartan fox. Dignity softened with coyness? Mary-Frances had no present disposition for coyness.

"Well, Mr. DeArmour, I must say! If that's what you think about me, I'm glad you told me before it was too late, and we'll part forever

right now. I'm going straight into the house. But I will add, Mr. DeArmour, that I don't think that is a very nice way to talk to a girl who is 15 years old, and you know how old I was, because I told you this afternoon in the drug store, and now I'll say goodby."

HE took her by the shoulders and held her, gently enough. "Leave me explain, hon," he said. "I didn't go to make you sore. On the square I didn't—see? Wait a minute. Give me a break."

"Finnish little kid," mocked Mary-Frances. "Well, it may be yours, but it isn't my idea of a nice way to talk."

"Say, listen, hon. I'm sorry, hon. I didn't mean anything like you think—see? I like you. On the square I do. I like you a lot better than I thought I was going to—see? I mean to say, you being so—so, well different and innocent seeming and all, you're kinda got me going, in a way. See?"

"Different?" she questioned, with a note of hope.

"I'll tell the world you're different. Say, listen, hon, and I'm talking on the square to you now—see? No line or anything like that—see? I'm talking like a pal, straight goods. You're as different from the run of girls as—well, say, if you'll excuse me getting kind of flowery, you're as different as a little innocent violet from one of these here big gaudy cabbage roses—see?"

"You are as different as is a modest violet from a flaunting crimson rose." Perfect material for Ermintrude.

"Howsoesoever," said Earl, and from where in the world he dragged all that word it is hard to tell. "I got to say, in justice to myself, Frankie, that I ain't altogether to blame for kind of getting off on the wrong foot, as the saying goes. Listen, hon. I'm a man o' the world, myself—see?" (A man of the world? Mary-Frances breathed deeply over that.) "And—well, that's what I kind of am. A man of the world. Now, there's a lot of things you wouldn't understand. I know that now—see? But I wasn't sure of it before, and that's why I'm going to say something to you. I may not get thanked, but just the same I think the world and all of you—"

(The world and all? My! Ermintrude, he said. . . .) "—and I'm going to tell you that you're taking chances when you make dates with strangers and all like that. Course, in my case, it was all right—see? Absolutely. I'm a good judge of character and all—see? But the next guy might be a bad egg or anything. I sure gets me going, Frankie, a girl of your type and all taking such chances."

"Oh, but, Earl, I don't! I never did before. You are the very first one I ever did speak to or anything."

(To Be Continued)

## Vet Mississippi Pilot Passes at Baton Rouge

BATON ROUGE, La.—(AP)—Captain Charles Street, veteran Mississippi river pilot, formerly of Paducah, Ky., died here Wednesday at the age of 52 years. He had been a resident of Baton Rouge for 20 years, and for a long period to his death commanded a Gulf Coast Lines railroad transport between Baton Rouge and Anchorage.

His body was to be taken Wednesday to Paducah. He is survived by his widow and two children.

But perhaps these boys who deeded the Declaration of Independence foresaw American freedom. Six million workers have had it for two years now.

## Mirrors and Lenses Used to Bring Sunshine Indoors

PARIS.—(AP)—A little bit of sunshine in every dark corner is the scheme of Jacques Arthurs French, inventor. By a system of mirrors and lenses, solar rays are projected from a skylight into the interior of a building and reflected back from a mirror bowl on the ground floor. The newspaper "L'Intransigeant" has installed the system.

## NOTICE

All members of Co. A, Arkansas National Guard, are notified that the quarterly pay-roll checks have arrived and can be procured by calling at the Armory building at Hope from 9 to 5 p. m. Thursday night, Dec. 24. Signed: Lieut. Garnet Martin.

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

## GREETINGS IN THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

To You, and You and You—venerable grandsire of blue-twinkling eyes that

have seen three score Christmases; soft cheeked miss of twenty to whom Christmas is but one more day of Sweetness and Romance; curly headed youngsters who are sitting up this Christmas for the first time to wait for Santa Claus—to all of you

## A HAPPY CHRISTMAS

For the tenth consecutive year we take pleasure in wishing our many friends and patrons the compliments of the season.

## Hope Auto Co.

Ford Dealers



## Trial of W. F. Sibek Set at Little Rock

LITTLE ROCK.—(AP)—Trial of William F. Sibek, suspended county judge of Pulaski county, on charges of irregularities in office, was set Tuesday for January 26 by Prosecuting Attorney Carl E. Bailey.

Sibek is under indictment on three charges of subornation of perjury, seven charges of malfeasance and one of embezzlement. He was removed from office on a presentment filed before Circuit Judge Abner McGehee by Prosecutor Bailey after the misdemeanor indictments had been returned. The charges are based on alleged purchase made by the county during the Sibek administration which were paid for and the goods alleged to have been undelivered.

## Mussolini Arrives at Bier of His Brother

MILAN.—(AP)—Premier Benito Mussolini arrived here by special train from Rome Tuesday morning, kissed the cold forehead of his younger brother, Arnaldo, who died Monday, and bitterly mourned the passing of his collaborator of 16 years. Il Duce traveled all night. With

him were his two sons, Vittorio and Bruno. They drove immediately to the offices of the newspaper Popolo d'Italia of which Arnaldo was editor, and where his body lay in state Tuesday, on the work table he used.

## Crash of Roof Fatal to Three in Vatican

VATICAN CITY.—(AP)—Three lives were lost, perhaps two more, in the collapse Tuesday of the roof of one of the wings of the 350-year-old Vatican library, which rained bricks and debris on priceless literary and art treasures of the ages.

The body of a young Italian attorney, Marco Vatasso, was taken from the ruins late Tuesday night and early Wednesday morning the bodies of two workmen were discovered. Search was proceeding for the remaining two of the group of four workmen believed to have been caught in the collapse.

The young attorney was still alive when his body was found, but he died a few hours later to the hospital. He had lived six hours buried under the debris.

"Peaches" Browning was denied a divorce. So Daddy Browning still has his Peaches and scream.

## Grappling Hooks Used to Save Negro's Life

COLUMBUS, S. C.—(AP)—Had not grappling hooks been handy, Luther Dove, negro, might now be at the bottom of the Columbia canal instead of in the city jail.

Pursued by officers, he dived in the chilly waters. The officers got grappling hooks and secured a connection with the seat of Dove's trousers, dragging him to the bank, half-drowned. Officers want to know why he ran from them.

## Ten Lose Lives When Turkish Boat Wrecked

ISTANBUL.—(AP)—Ten members of the passenger list and crew of a Turkish boat were drowned Wednesday in a heavy blizzard which struck the Black sea and the sea of Marmara. The boat, which was bringing passengers from Black sea ports to Istanbul, was keeled over and sunk. A Greek ship grounded near Smyrna, but can be saved, it was said.

President Hoover wants to discard the word moratorium. And just when people were finding out what it meant.



And in spite of the depression, if we're to be optimists this Christmas we can hardly be smilax.

Yet, Borah frowns on re-establishment of the foreign debt board. What with the 1932 campaign just in the offing he probably thinks it's a poor plank.

Census reports say France now has a population of 41,835,000. In which case of course 50,000,000 Frenchmen can't be wrong.

Milwaukee has all its bills paid and over \$2,000,000 in its coffers. Well, with prohibition, something just had to be done to keep Milwaukee famous. Headline: Proposed Tax Will Hit Everybody. But the law doesn't allow taking it on the gin.

Independence is predicted for India in five years. Well, it was declared for us 155 years ago.

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The approach of Christmas has always been a pleasure to us, although at this time we can only attempt to give expressions to the joy and happiness that our associations have brought us during the past year.

It is our earnest desire that you accept our best wishes for a

## Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year

as a small token of the esteem and value which we place upon your friendship.

And we truly trust that our business relations for the year 1932 will be pleasant and profitable to all. Thank You!

Sweeney Copeland  
Earl White  
Ira Taylor



# SOCIETY NEWS

**Mrs. Sid Henry** Telephone 321

**CHRISTMAS!** We all love the sound and the sight of it; the ring of it; the sound of the bell and the godless and good! Hearts of the world all respond to the ring of it—Bringing man-kind into one brotherhood!

**CHRISTMAS!** All nations rejoice to the thrill of it! Paupers and peasants; the rich and renowned! Spirit of Love—may we bow to the will of it—Then we'll have Christmas the whole year around.—J. B. H.

Mrs. R. A. Heaton of Dallas, Texas, will arrive Friday morning for a holiday visit with her aunt Mrs. P. A. Tharp and Mr. and Mrs. R. T. White.

Mrs. Hollace Bain of Shreveport will arrive Thursday night for a Christmas visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Floyd and sister, Mrs. H. M. Valentine and Mr. Valentine.

John G. Williams Jr., of Dallas, Tex., will spend Christmas visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John G. Williams Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. C. Newham, Jr., and little daughter, Nancy Lou, left Thursday morning for a Christmas visit with Mr. Newham's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Newham, Sr., at Springdale, Ark.

Miss Harriet Grace Story left Wednesday for Lynchburg, Va., where she will be the guest of Miss Alice Fritchard in Randolph-Macon College for Women. Miss Story will later visit in Washington, D. C., and other points of interest in the East.

Dr. and Mrs. W. G. Allison will spend the week end visiting with friends and relatives in Conway and Little Rock.

Mr. and Mrs. K. G. McRae, Sr., will have as Christmas guests, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Meek of Bradley, Ark., and Miss Helen McRae, who is a student in the University of Colorado, at Boulder.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Duckett will spend Christmas visiting with their daughter, Mrs. Gail E. Newton and Mr. Newton in Little Rock.

Miss Alice Armstrong will leave Thursday night for a Christmas visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Armstrong in Little Rock.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hitt will be Christmas guests of relatives in Prescott.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McGaughy have as Christmas guests, Mrs. Mc-

## Miss Palmer to Wed



Miss Betty M. Palmer

Outstanding among the Christmas social events in Texarkana will be the wedding of Miss Betty M. Palmer, lovely daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde E. Palmer, of Hot Springs and Texarkana, to Walter E. Hussman, of St. Louis, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hussman, 3737 Frick Avenue.

The ceremony will be performed on Thursday evening, December 24th, at 8 o'clock, at the home of the bride's parents, 902 Olive street, with the Reverend F. Z. Browne, pastor of the First Presbyterian church in Texarkana, officiating. An informal reception will follow.

The young couple will leave immediately for a motor trip to Hot Springs and St. Louis, after which they will go to Columbia, Mo., to reside for two months. Both will graduate from the University of Missouri in the spring, Miss Palmer receiving her bachelor degree in journalism.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Texarkana High School, and for two years attended Lindenwood college, at St. Charles, Mo. She is a popular member of Texarkana's younger society set. Both are prominently identified with campus activities in the University, she being a member of the Delta Beta Sigma and Tri Delta societies, and he a member of the Phi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

Miss Palmer is well known in Hope, having been connected with The Star during a college vacation the summer of 1930. Her father is president of Star Publishing company and partner of Alex. H. Washburn.

Gaughey's mother, Mrs. L. M. Cole and sister, Mrs. Doris Belsor and little daughter of Little Rock.

Miss Maggie Bell and Ike T. Bell, Sr., will have as Christmas guests, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Marshall, Miss Mary Bell Marshall, little Miss Margaret Marshall and Calvin Marshall, and Mr. and Mrs. Ike T. Bell, Jr., of Texarkana and Lawrence Marshall of Little Rock.

Miss Mary Carrigan will spend the Christmas holidays visiting with her brother, Judge Alf Carrigan and Mrs. Carrigan in Wichita Falls, Texas.

Mrs. Fanny Garrett will have as Christmas guests, Major and Mrs. Chas. Garrett and Mr. and Mrs. Hosea Garrett of Little Rock.

Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Keith and little son, and Miss Claudia Coop of Texarkana are holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Coop.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harrell and little daughter, Frances, will spend Christmas afternoon visiting with relatives in Prescott.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Waddle will have as Christmas guests, their sons, John Sidney of Chicago, and Howard, who is a student in Tulane University, New Orleans, La.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Graves will have

as Christmas guests, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Barlow and Miss Annie Mae Graves of Malvern.

Mr. and Mrs. Lex Helms, Sr., and son, Lex, Jr., left Wednesday for Pine Bluff where they will be holiday guests of Mrs. Helms's sister, Mrs. A. M. Hart and Mr. Hart.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Jones will have as holiday guests, Frank Jones of Shreveport.

Friends will be glad to know that Mrs. Dale Wilson, who has been ill in the Cora Donnell hospital at Prescott, for the past month, will be able to be removed to her home in this city some time next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Tully Henry will spend Christmas day visiting with friends and relatives in Saratoga.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Brown and son Arthur Thomas of Baton Rouge, La., are Christmas guests of Mrs. Brown's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Thompson.

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FOR RENT—Five room house near Smiling tourist camp. See A. W. Cobb or phone 683J 23-3tp.

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SERVICES OFFERED—Special Turkey dinner Christmas Day at Hotel Black, Washington, Ark. 21-3tp

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## Greetings to My Friends of Hempstead County

At this season of the year when I have time to pause and reflect, I naturally think of my friends who have been so kind to me during the past year. I appreciate the confidence you have reposed in me, and I wish for each and everyone happiness and prosperity, not only during the Christmas holidays, but during the years to come.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Your friend,  
**I. L. PILKINTON,**  
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## Christmas Greetings

To a Christmas of Happiness and Health

On Christmas morning may a spell of good fortune be cast across your threshold, to linger there forever and forever. Our best wishes

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Merry Christmas.

To all our friends—may this Christmas bring those old, sweet pleasures of true health and happiness, of family, friendships and bright firesides to each and every one of you. And may the coming year be one of lasting joy.

## Citizens National Bank



From all of us—to all of you. Think of us not as a business institution at Christmas tide, but as "folks." For it's as such that we wish you, from the bottom of our hearts, a very Merry Christmas.

## Hope Furniture Company

For 34 Years

State Teachers College at Conway will arrive Thursday night for a holiday visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Norton.

Clyde Grohne, who is connected with the United States Engineers, working out of Memphis, Tenn., arrived in Hope Thursday for a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Cross and other relatives.

Here's every wish that ever made Christmas glad and bright. And every hope that ever hoped to start the New Year right!

## Business in Cotton

High power, Mr. C. Stahl and Hillebrand will be named beginning Monday they give employment to 100 additional operatives because orders in hand are being filled.

This year's Ohio corn crop is rated at 162,364,000 bushels.

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Sure... we'll like to greet each 'n' every one of you personally—to wish you, face to face, all the Christmas happiness that's in our hearts (who said business didn't have a heart?) It's hard to get the sincerity felt 'way deep down into told type—but just imagine, won't you, that our warm handshake goes with this wish?

We've been wishing folks Merry Christmas for two years—and aren't tired yet!

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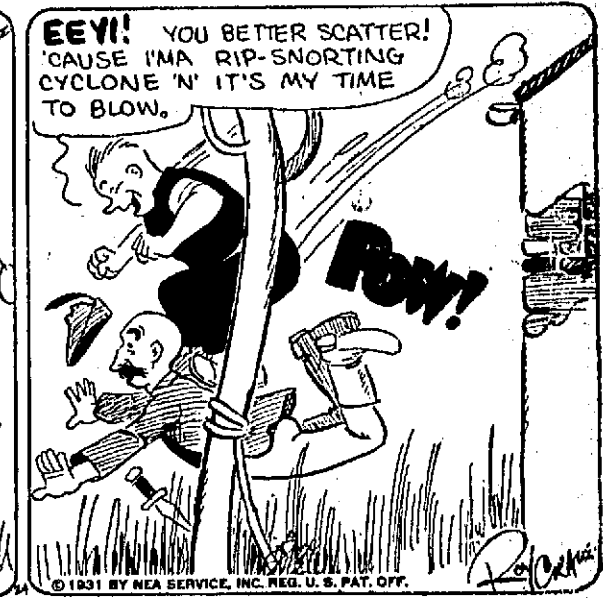
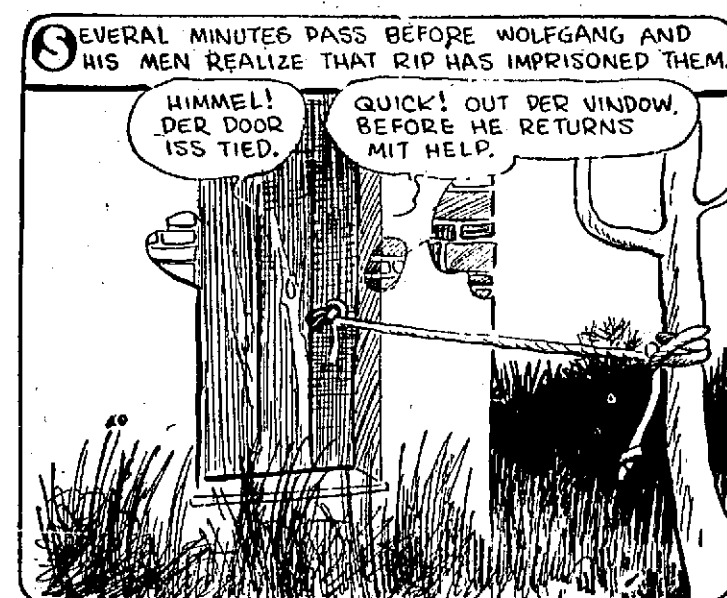


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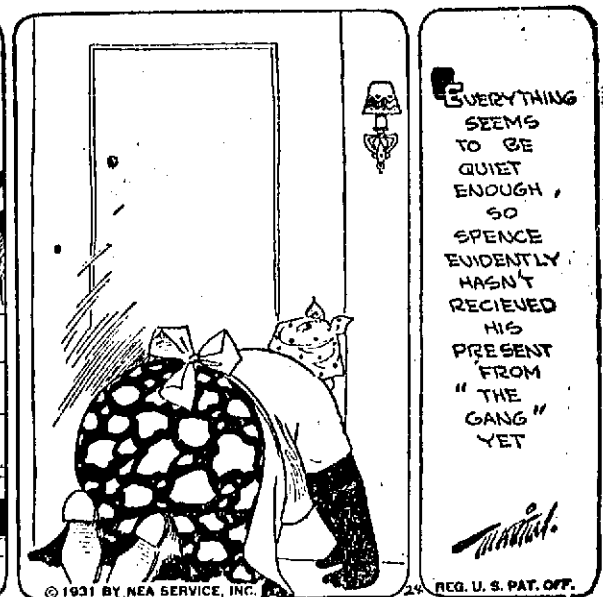
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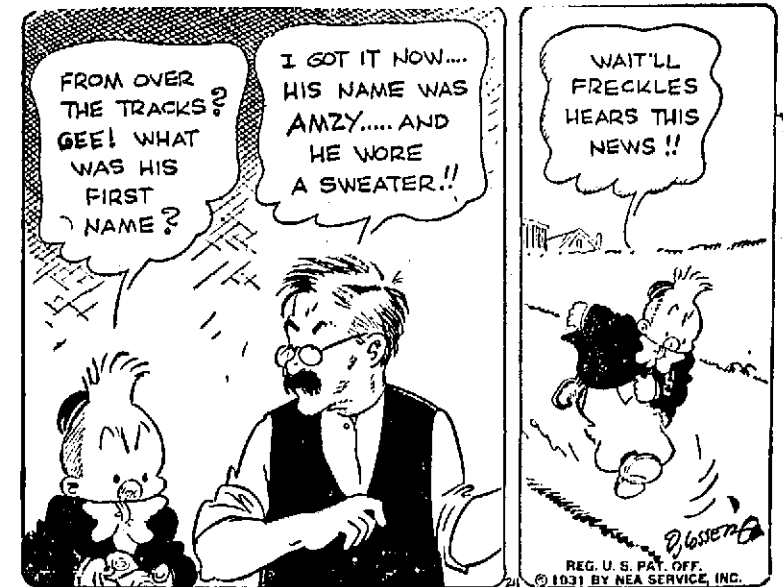
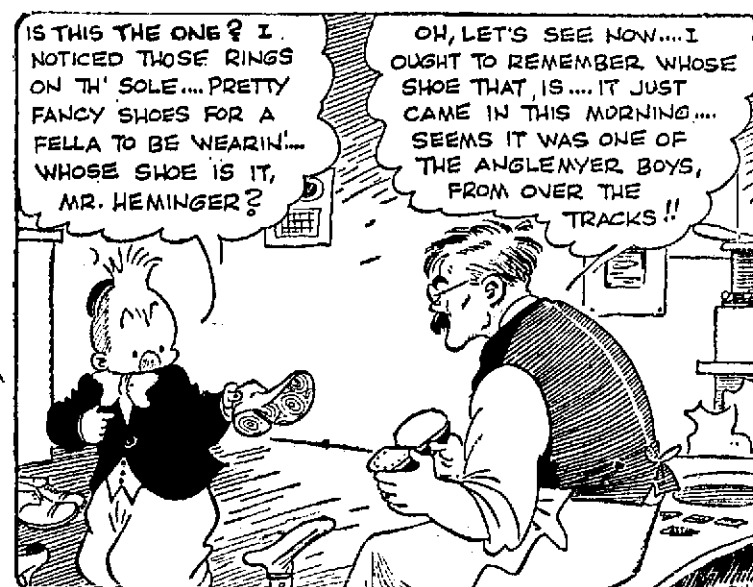
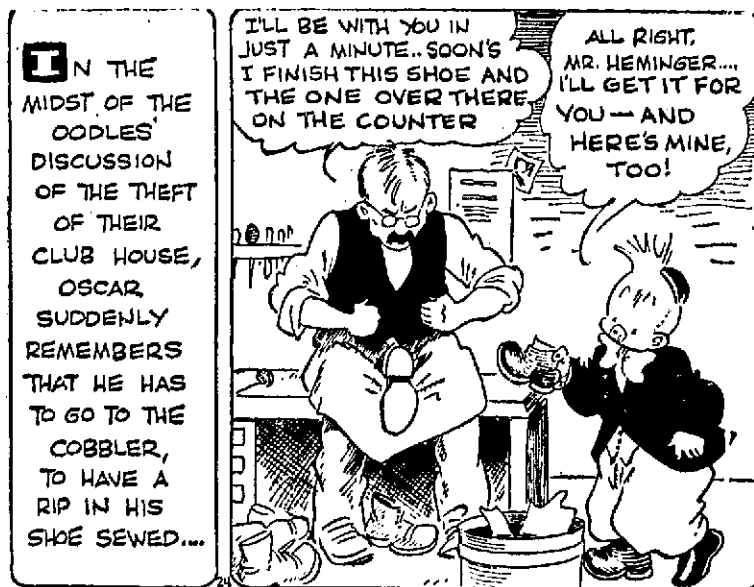
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